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SUBJECT: HIJZEN'S ILLNESS

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WE HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING CONSISTENT REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH HIJZEN'S ILLNESS WILL KEEP HIM AWAY FROM DUTY (REFTEL) AS THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. THE FIRST REPORT OF SERIOUS ULCER TROUBLES, GIVEN TO US IN LATE JULY, WAS THAT HE MIGHT BE ABSENT TWO OR THREE MONTHS. OUR INQUIRY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER PRODUCED A RESPONSE THAT HE WAS LIKELY TO RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 13. WE ARE NOW TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT HIJZEN HAS BEEN SEEING A NUMBER OF DOCTORS FOR THEIR ESTIMATES ON WHETHER HIS PERFORATED ULCER CONDITION WILL REQUIRE AN OPERATION. HE WILL DECIDE THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. IF HE UNDERGOES AN OPERATION, THE COMMISSION STAFF EXPECTS THAT HE MAY NOT RETURN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE DECEMBER. EVEN WITHOUT AN OPERATION IT IS UNLIKELY HE WOULD RETURN TO THE OFFICE BEFORE MID-OCTOBER. IN CASE OF AN EXTENDED ABSENCE, HIS PLACE WILL TEMPORARILY

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